

The State Department has recently made changes to the danger pay and foreign post (hardship) differential rates. These changes were effective March 5 and March 13, 2006. Changes are the increase in the danger pay rates for all of Iraq and the areas of Afghanistan outside of Kabul. For these areas, the danger pay rate increased from 25 percent to 35 percent. Danger pay for Kabul, Afghanistan, increased from 25 percent to 30 percent. Danger and foreign post (hardship) differential rates for Kuwait did not change. Below are the current rates for Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait. For up to date rates go the Department of State website at <http://www.state.gov/m/a/als/920/>

Danger Pay:

Country	Location	Rate	Effective Date
Afghanistan	Kabul	30	3/5/2006
Afghanistan	Other	35	3/5/2006
Iraq	Baghdad	35	3/5/2006
Iraq	Northern Iraq	35	3/5/2006
Iraq	Other	35	3/5/2006
Kuwait	Kuwait City	15	5/18/2003
Kuwait	Other	15	5/18/2003

Post (Hardship) Differential:

Country	Post	Rate
Afghanistan	Kabul	35
Afghanistan	Other	35
Iraq	Baghdad	35
Iraq	Other	35
Kuwait	Kuwait City	10
Kuwait	Other	15